

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Francis Martin House Inventory Number: G-IV-B-162

Address: 1587 Smouse Road City: Oakland Zip Code: 21550

County: Garrett USGS Topographic Map: Deer Park

Owner: Darrell O. Martin, Jr. Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes

Tax Parcel Number: 20 Tax Map Number: 85 Tax Account ID Number: 16-005169

Assess Visual Effects of Allegheny Heights Windpower

Project: Facility Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

*If the property is within a district*

District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☒ A ☒ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Francis Martin House is located south of Smouse Road. The house faces northeast and is sited at the edge of the roadway on the top of a rise with open agricultural fields surrounding the property. The siting affords distant views of Backbone Mountain north and south from the front and rear elevations, but the view directly east towards the mountain is blocked by intervening topography. A hill capped with trees and rising to 2700 feet above mean sea level is located directly east of the house. The property also has a barn and a modern workshop/shed.

The house was constructed ca. 1890 and appears in this approximate location on the USGS Oakland quadrangle map surveyed in 1899 and published in 1908 (USGS 1899, 1908). The two-story, three-bay by one-bay, wood-frame house adopts an L-shaped ground plan with a front-facing projecting gable end, identified as a gable-front and wing (McAlester 1990:92-93). The front gable features a one-story, polygonal projecting bay on the first story. The house rests on a rusticated concrete-block foundation. The exterior of the house is clad with vinyl siding. Horizontal wood siding is still visible on the interior wall of the enclosed front porch. The intersecting gable roofs are sheathed with standing-seam metal. The eave is sheathed with metal. The central front door is a three-wood

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

*Andrew Lewis*  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

*4/7/05*  
Date

*John Canty*  
Reviewer, NR Program

*4/7/05*  
Date

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panel and one light unit. The windows are one-over-one-light, double-hung sash replacement units. The wide window casings photographed in 1981 are no longer extant. The two-bay front porch has been enclosed with vinyl siding and a row of one-over-one-light, double-hung sash replacement units. A one-story, enclosed, shed roof porch on a rusticated concrete-block foundation spans the south elevation.

A mid twentieth-century bank barn is located south of the house (USGS Deer Park 1948). The wood-frame barn rests on a concrete-block foundation. The wood upper section is clad with vertical wood boards. The bank is located on the west elevation. The barn is accessed by a bridge and has sliding metal doors.

A large modern metal building is located southwest of the house. The one-story building has metal sided walls and roof.

The house was identified as the Francis Martin House in the 1981 MIHP form. Francis Martin purchased the property in 1946 (Garrett County deed 139:222). The property comprised four small parcels that added up to approximately 28 acres. In 1922, the acreage was sold as a result of a court case between Catherine Miller and John Miller, et al. as defendants. David Miller purchased both portions of the land from two different owners in 1917 (Garrett County Deed EZT 82:480-481). The acreage comprised small portions of old military lots 888 and 948. This suggests that the house was located on acreage that was subdivided from a former farm and was probably constructed ca. 1890-ca. 1910.

The house is an example of a gable-front and wing house type (McAlester 1990:92-93) popular during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The house exhibits many modifications, including synthetic siding and new windows. The modifications have compromised the integrity of design, materials, and workmanship of this simply-styled house to illustrate its type, period, or method of construction (Criterion C). The house is not part of a larger agricultural complex associated with agriculture in Garrett County (Criterion A) in the late nineteenth or twentieth century. The house is not documented as associated with a significant person in the past (Criterion B).

References

Garrett County Land Records  
Deeds.

Maryland Historical Trust  
1981 MIHP Form G-IV-B-162. On file at the MHT Library, Crownsville, MD.

McAlester, Virginia and Lee  
1990 A Field Guide to American Houses. Alfred A. Knopf, New York.

Schlosnagle, Stephen  
1978 *Garrett County: A History of Maryland's Tableland*. Reprinted 1997. McClain Printing Company, Parsons, West Virginia.

USGS  
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1948 Deer Park 7.5 minute quadrangle map from aerial photographs 1946, field checked 1948, photo-revised 1981.

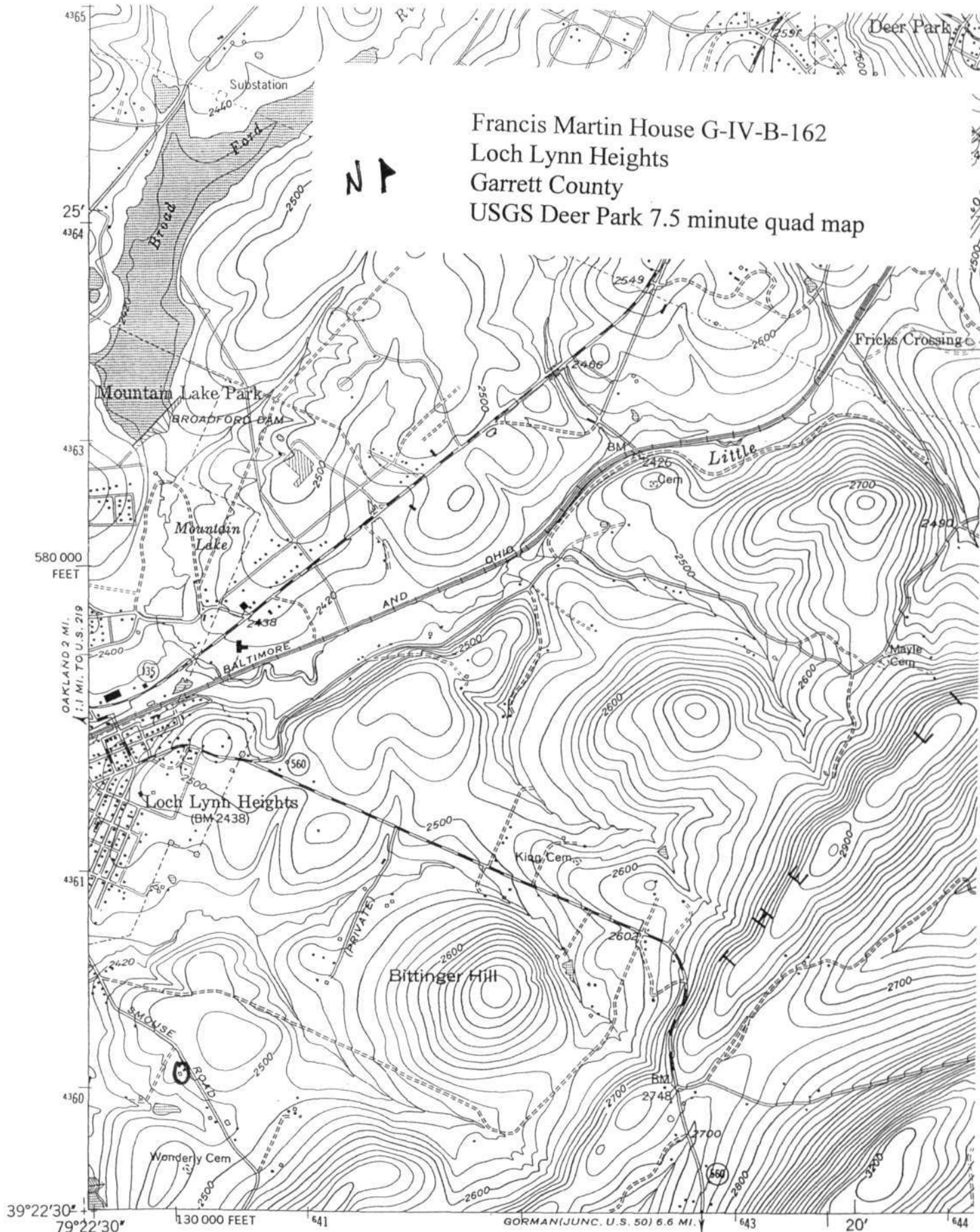
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Date Prepared: January 2005



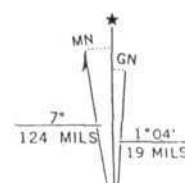
Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1946. Field checked 1948

Polyconic projection. 10,000-foot grid ticks based on Maryland coordinate system

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17, shown in blue. 1927 North American Datum



(TABLE ROCK)  
5162 IV SW



HTHP 15 - G-W-D-142

FRANCIS MARTIN HOUSE

GARRET COUNTY, MARYLAND

POGA

JANUARY 2005

MD 9840

DWELLING, VIEW S

1057

Francis Martin House  
Private  
Loch Lynn vic.

The Francis Martin House is a two-story, gable-roofed, ell-plan dwelling with an irregular facade set into the ell. The house rests on a modern concrete block foundation and is covered by weatherboarding

South of the house is a gable-roofed frame barn.



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G-IV-B-162  
MAGI NO. 1209395604  
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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Francis Martin House

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER S.W. side of Smouse Road, about one-half mile S.E. of  
Smouse Rd. Loch Lynn.

CITY, TOWN

Loch Lynn

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Darrell O. Martin

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Frances Martin

CITY, TOWN

Rt 2, Box 304

Oakland

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland

zip code 21550

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE



**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Francis Martin House is located on the southwest side of Smouse Road, about one-half mile southeast of Loch Lynn. The house is positioned directly on the road and is backed by fields.

The house is a two-story, gable-roofed, ell-plan dwelling with an irregular facade set into the ell. The facade points northeast and is covered by a one-story, shed-roofed porch. A one-story, three-sided bay window is positioned on the northeast gable end, and a one-story, hipped-roofed addition covers the southwest elevation.

The house rests on a modern concrete block foundation and is covered by weatherboarding. The windows are 2/2 sash and have plain board surrounds. The roof is covered with standing seam metal.

The house has one interior brick stove chimney at the ridge line of the ell. The facade porch is partially enclosed and screened. The interior arrangement consists of three rooms on the first floor. South of the house is a gable-roofed frame barn.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is a variation of a common Western Maryland type. Although the configuration of the house is typical of many houses built in Garrett County in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, this house is unusual in its placement of the facade in the ell.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Ann Burns, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

October 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

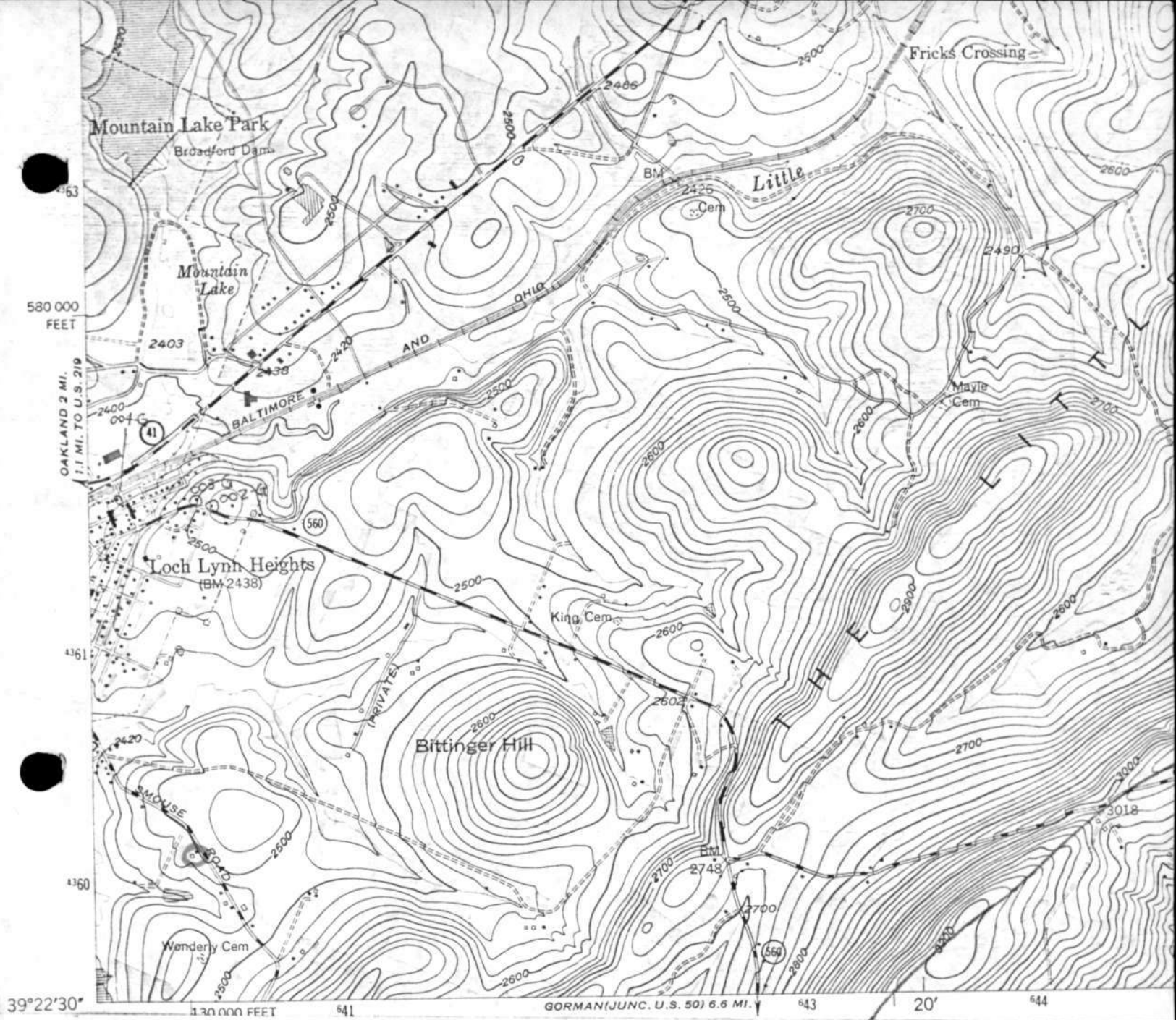
STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



Deer Park, MD  
 USGS 7.5 minute series  
 Scale - 1:24,000  
 1948; photorevised 1974

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 Francis Martin House  
 SW side of Smouse Rd, about 1/2 mile  
 SE of Loch Lynn  
 Loch Lynn vic.



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Frances Martin Hs.

Garrett Co., MD

A. Burns 9-29-81

Fac - NE elev; NW elev





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SW & SE elevs.